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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 20

1. NYT (PAGE 8) HEADLINE "ATOMIC ARMS TALK OPENED BY GROMYKO AND KISSINGER" BY LESLIE H. GELB, DATELINED VIENNA. KISSINGER IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A BREAKTHROUGH IN VIENNA, BUT AIMS TO BEGIN PROCESS OF SENDING US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS BACK TO GENEVA WITH NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

2. WP (PAGE 2) HEADLINE "KISSINGER CAUTIONS GROMYKO -- REPEATS WARNING ON DETENTE" BY MURREY MARDER. SECRETARY REPEATED WARNING THAT US-SOVIET DETENTE MUST NOT BE USED AS A COVER FOR EXPLOITATION OF LOCAL CONFLICT. GROMYKO IN TURN STRESSED SOVIET PRIORITY ON EUROPEAN SUMMIT. THEY DISCUSSED SALT ON FIRST DAY; MIDDLE EAST STILL TO BE DISCUSSED.

3. CSM (PAGE 3) HEADLINE "KISSINGER, GROMYKO MEET; US HINTS SALT DEAL."

4. NYT (PAGE 9) HEADLINE "MOSCOW STALLED IN FOREIGN POLICY" INDICATES SOVIETS LOOKING FOR U.S. HELP IN
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SURMOUNTING DEADLOCKS IN SALT, A MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE

IN GENEVA, AND THE WIND-UP OF THE CSCE. TIMING OF A

EUROPEAN SUMMIT AND BREZHNEV VISIT, AND MEETING OF
EUROPEAN COMMUNISTS INVOLVED.

5. NYT (PAGE 37) COLUMN BY ROBERT KLEIMAN HEADED
"DETENTE: PAST AND FUTURE". A VISITOR TO MOSCOW GETS
THE IMPRESSION THAT KREMLIN WANTS STABILITY AT PRESENT
IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND ON ITS CHINA BORDER, BUT ELSE-
WHERE FAVORS CHANGE - WITHOUT WAR. MOSCOW TEMPTED BY
CRUMBLING OF WESTERN POSITIONS FROM INDO-CHINA THROUGH
THE MEDITERRANEAN TO THE MIDDLE EAST. PORTUGAL A
TEST CASE. BUT CONCLUDES NUCLEAR ERA CONDEMNS U.S.
AND USSR TO CO-EXISTENCE.

6. WP (PAGE 2) HEADLINE "SOVIETS SAID TO EASE U.S.
SUSPICIONS OF ARMS VIOLATIONS" BY MICHAEL GETLER,
DISCUSSES SOVIET RESPONSES TO U.S. QUESTIONS IN
CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION REGARDING POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS
OF EARLIER SALT AGREEMENTS. U.S. SUSPICIONS EASED
THOUGH U.S. MILITARY OFFICIALS LESS CONVINCED THAN
CIVILIANS.

7. SUN (PAGE 3) HEADLINE "MOSCOW CRACKS DOWN ON OFF-
BEAT ART" DATELINE MOSCOW, REPORTS ATTACK ON NON-
CONFORMIST ARTISTS IN MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA AND STATES
OSKAR RUBIN WAS EXPELLED LAST WEEK FROM UNION OF
GRAPHIC ARTISTS; ARTISTS HAVE ALSO BEEN DENIED PER-
MISSION TO HOLD OPEN AIR EXHIBITION IN LENINGRAD.
MEANWHILE, DISSIDENT WRITER VLADIMIR VORNOVICH HAS
SAID KGB AGENTS HAVE THREATENED TO MURDER HIM IF HE
CONTINUES ACTIVITIES.

8. SUN (PAGE 6) HEADLINE "RUSSIA CLEANING UP OWN
WATERGATE IN GEORGIA REPUBLIC" BY MICHAEL PARKS, DATE-
LINE TBILSI, RELATES EXTENT OF CORRUPTION IN GEORGIA
AND DESCRIBES CLEAN-UP WHICH BEGAN IN 1972. MORE THAN
350 SENIOR ECONOMIC, GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS
REMOVED AND NUMBER OF UNANNOUNCED DISMISSALS FOUR
TO FIVE TIMES THAT NUMBER ACCORDING TO SOURCES; THERE
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HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SENSATIONAL TRIALS.

9. SUN (PAGE 7) HEADLINE "BREZHNEV REPORTED ILL AGAIN"
DATELINE MOSCOW, REPORTS ILLNESS NOT SERIOUS AND NOT
RECURRENCE OF BOUT OF PNEUMONIA, BUT HE WILL PROBABLY
SPEND NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS RECUPERATING, ACCORDING
TO SOVIET SOURCES. INGERSOLL

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